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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAN JOSE 1223

FOR ASST. SECRETARY TODMAN FROM WEISSMAN

E.O.11652: GDS  
TAGS: ENRG, EFIN, CS  
SUBJECT: IDB FINANCING FOR COROBICI HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

1. WILBURG JIMENEZ, MINISTER OF PLANNING-DESIGNATE, AT EXPRESS REQUEST OF PRESIDENT-ELECT, CALLED ME MARCH 16 TO SEEK YOUR SUPPORT ON ACHIEVING BETTER TERMS FOR THE COROBICI HYDRO LOAN UNDER IDB CONSIDERATION. OBVIOUSLY STIMULATED BY A PRESS ACCOUNT IN "LA REPUBLICA" OF THIS SAME DAY, WHICH REPORTED THAT FACIO HAD SENT YOU A CABLEGRAM ON THIS MATTER, WILBURG WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT CARAZO FULLY SUPPORTED THE EFFORTS OF THE CURRENT ADMINISTRATION TO SECURE SOFTER TERMS. HE EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ENERGY SECTOR AND THE SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THIS PROJECT. WHILE EXPRESSING UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PROBLEM OF IDB TERMS WAS A GENERIC ONE AFFECTING OTHER SO-CALLED MIDDLE INCOME COUNTRIES, AND ACKNOWLEDGING THAT DECISIONS DID NOT DEPEND EXCLUSIVELY ON THE U.S., CARAZO WISHES YOU TO KNOW THAT HIS ADMINISTRATION SHARES COMPLETELY THE ODUBER/FACIO THESIS THAT COSTA RICA IS BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE  
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OF ITS PAST EFFORTS AND SUCCESS IN ACHIEVING  
DEVELOPMENT GROWTH WITH EQUITY.

2. TO AVOID A DIRECT CALL TO YOU, I PROMISED WILBURG THAT I WOULD CONVEY CARAZO'S MESSAGE IMMEDIATELY. CARAZO'S NEWLY-NAMED ECONOMIC TEAM, INCLUDING SPECIAL ADVISORS SUCH AS OSCAR BARUTO LNVERNESTO ROHROMOSERN ETC.

HAS BEEN MEETING TO REVIEW EXTERNAL DEBT PROBLEMS, AND  
HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE MOUNTING BURDEN.  
WITHOUT QUESTION, CARAZO'S ATTENTION IS BEING FOCUSED  
UPON THIS LEGACY AND WE CAN EXPECT TO HEAR MORE FROM  
HIM IN THIS REGARD.  
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